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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
- b. ☒ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) (references AJ and AL) previously submitted on July 14, 2005 with the initial filing of the National Stage Application,
- c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
- d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

U.S. Patent No. 5,986,989 corresponds to JP 10-116426; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0196717 corresponds to JP 2002-298375.

5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

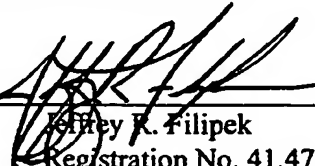
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Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	5,986,989	11/1999	Takagi et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AJ	10-116426	5/1998	JP			Abstract	
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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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